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NEW LIBRARY ARRIVAL: 3D PRINTING

The Winchester Library has entered a new dimension...now when you step into the Library's Reference Room you will see among all the useful services, a brand-new 3D printer! It's an exciting addition for the community as this 3D printer offers Library patrons of all ages the ability to create three-dimensional items for work, school, fun - or wherever your imagination takes you.



Toys, phone cases, glasses or earbud cases, games, jewelry, tools, parts, sculptures, planters, food containers (FYI: the plastic used at the Winchester Library's 3D printer is non-toxic and compostable), the list goes on and on.



The Library's new 3D printer (on the left), as well as a collection of 3D printed items created using this new community resource.



We sat down with Craig Smith, Winchester Public Library's Head of Technology & Information Services, who took time to share more about the 3D printer and how it all works. To begin, for those new to this technology, a 3D printer in essence is like a three-dimensional copy machine, only the items are created from digital files that are sent to the printer, which are then brought to life by being transformed into a solid, physical, plastic object. The process itself is quite magical! Wondering what you can print? As Craig said, "just about anything!"

The 3D printing is performed by Library personnel as it is not a self-serve machine but the procedure as Craig explained it, is smooth and effortless for Winchester residents who would like to take advantage of these services. There are some protocols the Library set forth prior to starting a 3D project, which you can find on the Library website: <https://www.winpublib.org/3d-printing/>

Now to the fun part - choosing or designing your item and experiencing the manifestation. Craig shared that one can find 3D patterns via various websites or you can design one yourself. Craig and the Library reference staff can assist you with finding 3D pattern sites if you'd like. The next step is emailing the file (OBJ or STL formats) to winref@minlib.net, along with your Library card number. The cost of printing is \$0.05/gram, rounded up to the nearest gram. Because the 3D print is built by layering, it can take some time - but you'll never miss out on seeing your image become an actual "thing," as Craig sends every recipient a time-lapse video.

Once your item is complete, you can come by the Library to pick it up. Overall, the Winchester Library is thrilled about the acquisition of the 3D printer and is eager for residents to take advantage of all this new service offers.

For more details and information either stop by the reference desk directly - where you can see samples of items printed - or visit the Library's website.

CHECK INSIDE
FOR MORE
EXCITING LIBRARY
HAPPENINGS

YOUNG AUTHORS COLLECTION

No one is too young to be an author, or at least that is the idea behind a new initiative in the Children's Room. After a young resident brought the idea to Brittany DeLorme, head of the Children's Department, a new reading collection was born - Winchester's Young Authors Collection! Throughout the fall, any interested authors (ages 2-12) can bring in their writing to share with other readers. Writing of all genres - graphic novels, poems, short stories, chapter books, and picture books - are welcomed and encouraged!

The Young Author Collection will not circulate, but will be an in-library use collection only; however, the dedicated shelf will allow children to proudly display their hard work and allow others to explore their unique stories. This initiative not only promotes a love for writing and reading but also fosters a sense of community among young authors. The Children's Librarians hope that this initiative will help spark imagination, as kids see their peers' creativity and feel motivated to express their own ideas.



Brittany DeLorme, the head of Children's, talks with a patron about creating a young authors collection.

IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR OUR KIDS!

This fall our Library has become a vibrant hub for local children, from preschool to fifth grade, as they dive into the exciting world of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math! Through engaging programs, kids are not only having fun but also developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

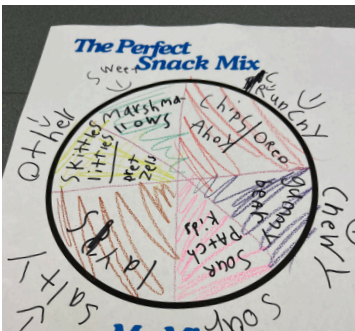


We offer three age-based groups: "Preschool" for ages two and up, "Team" for grades 1-3, and "Club" for grades 3-5. Each group participates in hands-on activities that enhance understanding, vocabulary, and communication.

In the Preschool group, young learners explore through simple experiments, like observing how different liquids affect apple slices—a tasty way to spark curiosity! The Team group delves deeper into STEAM concepts with experimentation and outcome prediction, actively engaging with their classroom lessons.

Recently, after reading a cookbook, a Club group member suggested a "Food Math" session. Using pie charts, they visualized and categorized sweet, salty, and sour flavors with fun snacks, creating personalized snack mixes that catered to their unique tastes. Who knew math could be so delicious?

These spirited sessions are open to all kids from Preschool to grade 5. Join us at the Library to inspire young minds through STEAM activities this fall and foster a community of innovators and lifelong learners. For a schedule of upcoming sessions, please visit <https://www.winpublib.org/events/kids/>.



CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

As we share in every newsletter, the Winchester Library offers a variety of book clubs. You can find the schedule online at <https://www.winpublib.org/bookgroups/> or stop by the Reference Room to see the Book Club table featuring the latest selections. The Classics Book Club recently updated their frequency from twice a year to three times a year. They met in October and have set the next date for Tuesday, January 21 at 1:00, with the following meeting scheduled for April, as usual. The next classic book selection is To The Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf, copies of which will be available at the Library in December.

EXPLORE OUR LOCAL MUSEUMS



WITH DISCOUNTED PASSES!



Looking for the perfect way to spend a day with family or friends? Now is the ideal time to discover the amazing experiences our local museums have to offer! Did you know that the Library provides discounted passes to a variety of local museums? Whether your interests lie in animals and nature, modern or classic art, science, history, or simply a fun day of exploration, there are passes available for all interests.

Dive into adventure at the Boston Children's Museum, interact with marine life at the New England Aquarium, ignite your imagination at the Museum of Science, appreciate timeless masterpieces at the Museum of Fine Arts, get in touch with nature at the Garden In The Woods (Native Plant Trust), just to name a few of your choices throughout New England! With the range of options available, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library, the EnKa Society, and the Rotary Club of Winchester, museum passes are accessible to all Winchester residents with a current Winchester Library Card. It's a fantastic opportunity to enrich your community experience.

To check out the available passes and learn more about reserving the museum of your choice, visit <https://www.winpublib.org/museumpasses/> or stop by the reference desk where they offer hard copy passes for some attractions, otherwise passes are digital.

Get ready for a day of discovery and fun—your next adventure awaits!



BUILDING TEEN COMMUNITY

Our young adult space is buzzing with energy as Middle School students come together to explore their interests. Each day, our welcoming room hosts a variety of fun, laid-back activities that encourage creativity and connection.

From crafting poetry on our magnetic poetry board to hands-on arts and crafts projects, there's always something exciting happening. Teens can enjoy snacks, tackle homework, or engage in friendly board game competitions on Friday afternoons. It's a supportive environment where friendships flourish and creativity thrives!

We invite all middle schoolers to make the Library their go-to hangout spot, whether they have just a few minutes or a few hours to spare. Not only do we enjoy having our teens with us, but our younger kids also look up to them as role models. Together, we're fostering a community where everyone feels valued and inspired. Come join the fun!

BEFORE YOU CHECK OUT...



Did you know the Library Reference Room now offers a puzzle swap? The ongoing community puzzle board has been so popular that patrons started offering their own puzzles with the hopes of exchanging them out for others! So, when you enter the Reference Room you can now browse a dedicated shelf (pictured) with a variety of puzzles donated by patrons to swap out! Stop by, work on the community puzzles, and peruse the latest donated puzzles!



SAVE the date! The Friends of the Winchester Public Library Open House committee is already making plans for next spring's Open House! More info to come but until then, mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 15, 2025**. The Friends are looking forward to sharing a fun-filled day for all ages!

JOIN US AS A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

We can't do it without you!

Your financial assistance is critical to funding the many wonderful programs and enhanced services that the Town budget doesn't fund. With 100% of your donation used directly to support these programs and services, you are a vital part of ensuring our Library remains a vibrant and thriving community resource.

Your donations allow the Friends to fund:

- Free Children's programs like In the Kitchen for Kids at Wright-Locke Farm and Rockabye Beats
- Free Teen programs including Board Game Afternoon and Young Adult Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club
- Free Adult programs such as the Monday Night Mystery Book Club and Fall Flavors: Growing Vegetables and Cooking in the Fall
- Free Author Lectures and Performances year round
- Free passes or reduced admission to 17 museums including the Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the NE Aquarium

Library Offerings by the numbers

8,605 kids attended
460 Children's programs

907 teens attended
114 Teen programs

1,127 adults attended
182 Adult programs

2,467 museum passes were
used in FY2024

Thank you to all who have given so generously in the past. Please consider giving this year.

A sampling of upcoming Events proudly supported by The Friends of The Winchester Public Library.

For a full list of upcoming events, please check out <https://www.winpublib.org/events/>

Fun Fused Glass Workshop: Pendants and Magnets: Thursday, December 5, 7:00-8:00 PM

Create your own Dichroic fused glass pendants or magnets with colorful pre-cut glass in this easy, fun class! The instructor, [Deenie Pacik Giuliano](#), MFA, will bring the pieces back to her studio for firing. Attendees will be able to pick up their finished pieces at the Library. Registration required. For adults and teens (age 13+).

Teen Craft Time: No-Sew Pop Tart Pillows: Thursday, December 12, 4:00-5:30 PM

This event is for students in grades 6-12. No adults, please. No sewing skills are required to make these pop tart-shaped pillows out of felt! Registration required.

In the Kitchen for Kids at Wright-Locke Farm: Monday, December 16, 5:30-6:30 PM

Let's get cooking with Ms. B and Chef Kelcy at Wright-Locke Farm!! Sign up to learn how to make some tasty sweet and savory bites! This program is open to kids in grades 2-5 only and registration is required! We'll be using the kitchen in the All Seasons Barn at Wright-Locke Farm, located at 82 Ridge Street Winchester.

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The Friends of the Winchester Public Library is an all-volunteer run 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

The Friends operates independently of the Winchester Public Library administration and the Library Board of Trustees. 100% of the funds raised by the Friends directly support many Library programs, services, and projects to ensure that these vital initiatives continue to thrive.

This year, our goal is to raise over \$60,000. All donations to the Friends fund the programming, services and enhancements that benefit the Winchester Public Library and the entire Winchester community.



Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of the Winchester Public Library is to enhance and support our community's Library by raising funds and advocating for programs and services not funded by the Town.

Join us as a Friend of the Library.

Support your community by becoming a valued member of the Friends of Winchester Public Library.

___ Yes, I want to be part of the Friends of Winchester Public Library community!

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PayPal is available for online donations via the Friends link on the Winchester Public Library website (www.winpublib.org). Scan this QR code to take you directly to the Friends' page.



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